



December 21, 1989

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Kelly McCarty
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30365

Re: Saad Site, Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Ms. McCarty:

I am responding to the "NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY" etc. dated December 18, 1989 which was received by Mr. Brian Kelly, who is presently the Plant Safety Engineer at the Tonawanda, New York factory of Dunlop Tire Corporation.

We first note that your "NOTICE" etc. was directed to the "Dunlop Tire & Rubber Company." As we know of no company which has ever operated under that precise name, we assume your notice was intended for the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corporation, a corporation which operated in the U.S.A. through the end of 1984. We believe the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corporation was dissolved and liquidated in 1986. Our company, the Dunlop Tire Corporation, began operations in 1985 and was not affiliated with Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corporation at the time of the latter corporation's believed dissolution and liquidation in 1986.

Dunlop Tire Corporation does, however, possess some of the files and records of Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corporation. Our search of those files has not to date yielded any information that Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corporation ever stored or disposed of any material at the subject site, however. The receipt of any information you might have on that subject might be helpful. We are confident, however, that since it began operations in 1985, our company, Dunlop Tire Corporation, has not stored or disposed of any material at the subject site.

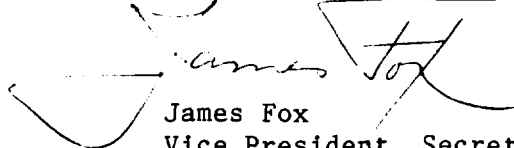
Our search of such files as are still in our possession from Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corporation is continuing, and we will advise you should we uncover any reference to the Saad site. Please understand, however, that based upon information available to date and the fact that it never stored or disposed of any material at the Saad site, Dunlop Tire Corporation will not recognize any responsibility in the matter, as a PRP or otherwise.

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Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

DUNLOP TIRE CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Fox", is written over a horizontal line.

James Fox
Vice President, Secretary
and General Counsel
(Direct Dial - 716/773-8393)

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